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Re: Confirmation that Natural Gas Transmission and Storage Sector Not Subject to Regulation Number 7 Rulemaking

Dear Director Silverstein and Ms. Martin:

Tallgrass Energy (Tallgrass) has very recently learned that parties to the ongoing Regulation Number 7 rulemaking have recently clarified in their rebuttal statements their request to apply the proposed rules for Regulation Number 7 to the natural gas transmission and storage sector. Tallgrass is a family of companies formed to own, operate, acquire and develop midstream energy assets in North America. The Tallgrass Energy family is comprised of Tallgrass Energy Partners, LP, a publicly traded master limited partnership (NYSE: TEP), and Tallgrass Development, LP. Through these two holding companies, we currently provide natural gas transportation and storage services for customers in the Rocky Mountain and Midwest regions of the United States through our pipelines and natural gas processing assets. Tallgrass currently operates 9 permitted facilities, primarily compressor stations, in the natural gas transmission and storage sector in Colorado. Tallgrass elected not to participate in or follow the rulemaking based on the notice of rulemaking issued by the Air Quality Control Commission in November. In that notice of rulemaking, proposed changes to Regulation Number 7 affected well production facilities, compressor stations upstream of natural gas processing plants, and natural gas processing plants. None of the definitions of well production facility, compressor station, or natural gas process plant proposed by the Air Pollution Control Division included compressors downstream of the natural gas processing plant. Potential expansion of the proposed rules to the transmission and storage sector significantly concern Tallgrass and could have significant regulatory, operational, and economic impacts on Tallgrass's business. There are hundreds of documents and potentially thousands of pages of materials that Tallgrass would be required to review in order to understand the scope and purpose of the proposed rules and the application of those rules to the natural gas transmission and storage sector. We understand that the hearing starts in less than two weeks and will last for five days. This would not provide an entity such as Tallgrass adequate time to participate in a rulemaking that Tallgrass was not appropriately informed could affect its interests.

Tallgrass requests confirmation by the Hearing Officer for this rulemaking that the proposal to apply the proposed rules to the transmission and storage sector will not be considered by the Air Quality Control Commission during the hearing. Such a conclusion is the only fair result for Tallgrass and similarly situated and even unidentified entities. Though Tallgrass has learned of this new proposal, other entities similarly situated may not have learned or this proposal or understand

the potential implications for their business and thus we do not think the Air Quality Control Commission can consider this issue without re-noticing and delaying the hearing. As a last resort, if the Hearing Officer will not confirm that the proposal to apply the proposed rules to the natural gas transmission and storage sector will not be addressed in the rulemaking hearing, Tallgrass requests that it be allowed late party status and that the hearing be delayed at least four to six weeks to allow Tallgrass (and any other similar situated entities) an opportunity to evaluate the proposed rules and potential application to its business so that it can meaningfully participate in the rulemaking.

Respectfully submitted this 10th day of February 2014 by

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